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DEPT PASS AGRICULTURE FOR HUME AND FITZSIMMONDS

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: CITRUS/WAX

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1. SUMMARY. AGATT REPS VISIT MHW RE SUBJECT. THEY APPEAR ANXIOUS TO RESOLVE PROBLEM ASAP. END SUMMARY.

2. AGATT REPS VISITED WITH MHW TODAY (JAN 16) RE SUBJECT FOR TWO HOURS. VERY APPARENT THAT UNTIL TODAY THEY NOT FULLY AWARE EFFECT NEW REG (EFFECTIVE MARCH 1) WOULD HAVE ON CITRUS TRADE. ESTABLISHMENT OF REG (PUBLISHED IN GOJ OFFICIAL GAZETTE DEC, 1975 AND REPORTED IN REF C) WAS PARTIALLY PROMPTED BY OPP/TBZ ISSUE. MHW OFFICIALS EMBARRASSED BEFORE DIET OVER OPP/TBZ BECAUSE THEY HAD BEEN LETTING CITRUS IN WITH THESE CHEMICALS ON WITHOUT KNOWING. TO GUARD AGAINST THIS IN FUTURE, NEW REQUIREMENT ON LISTING FOOD ADDITIVES WAS ESTABLISHED.

3. IDEA OF POLY-PALE BEING NATURAL WAX NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION BY MHW. FMC/TOKYO SAYS THERE ARE TWO "FLAVORSEAL" WAXES, ONE MADE ON PINE ROSIN (POLY-PALE) AND ONE MADE FROM PETROLEUM. PLEASE CONFIRM.

4. MHW APPEARS EXTREMELY ANXIOUS TO FIND MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE
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SOLUTION TO PROBLEM SO THAT TRADE WILL NOT BE DISRUPTED. THEY

ALSO, HOWEVER, VERY WORRIED ABOUT ANY PART OF PROBLEM LEAKING
TO PRESS. ANY PRESS LEAKS WILL TEND TO DESTROY THEIR ABILITY
TO BE FLEXIBLE ON SUBJECT.
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